

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Absent- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Nora Fesco from North Central Illinois Council of Governments and Economic Development Director Don Aleksy presented information regarding the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant application for the "City of La Salle I & M Canal Trail Access Bridge." The grant is due August 20, 2013 and the City has support from the IDNR as the enhancement would collaborate with their efforts to restore the river basin. The City also has the verbal support from the Iowa Interstate Railway. The ITEP Grant financial commitment is 80% IDOT funding and 20% City of La Salle funding. This is a long term project which cannot begin until 2014 and will not be funded until 2015. Total engineering estimates from HR Green for construction, adjusted inflation and all three phases of engineering is \$764,477.88. Cost estimates could vary. TIF monies could be a possible revenue source for the City if needed.

PETITIONS

Motion by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to ratify the straw poll taken at the July 30, 2013 council meeting, to grant permission to Machel Senica to hold a retirement/customer appreciation party at Walt's Tap at 1059 9th Street on Saturday, August 10 from noon until 7 p.m.

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Robert Steele to conduct the annual 10K Canal Connection road race on November 3, 2013 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at LP high school and proceeding along city streets to enter the I-M Canal towpath and end in Utica.

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Javier Casas to close off 8th Street between Crosat and Tonti on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 4-10 p.m. to hold a benefit for LP High School to raise funds for the annual musical.

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's report for July 2013 showing a total value of construction of \$215,199.00 Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for July 2013 of \$19,671.45 is accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

BIDS

Discussion and potential action regarding the Effluent Pump Station bids will be delayed until the August 27, 2013 City Council meeting.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the low bid of Universal Asphalt & Excavating of \$105,094.81 for the 2013 Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program subject to contract requirements and bonding.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0**

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Ptak requested, based off recommendations of the Finance Committee, that discussion and potential action regarding the purchase of new computer hardware and software from Tyler Technologies be delayed until the August 27, 2013 council meeting.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #1 for the North End Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project to Gensini Excavating totaling \$184, 286.25. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0**

Questions from Alderman Duncan regarding Change Orders #1 and #2 for the North End Sanitary Sewer project were addressed by Brian Brown of Robinson Engineering who is the consulting firm on this project. Overall, the change orders increased the total contract price, however Mr. Brown explained the initial bids came in lower than the grant monies awarded. By extending the project limits the City could maximize the CDAP grant monies available and separate two additional blocks of combined sewer on Crosat Street from Roosevelt to south of Grant. Additional supporting comments were made by Sam McNeilly and Attorney Jim McPhedran.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to authorize and place on file Change Orders #1 and #2 for the North End Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

Don Aleksy explained that a Community Open House will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at the Uptown Bar and Grill from 6-8 p.m. The open house will focus on issues related to economic development, neighborhood revitalization, transportation and community appearance and allow residents to participate in discussions pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan. Information is also available at www.planlasalle.com

Alderman Demes asked for discussion by the Council in regards to the City exercising its right of eminent domain to seize the final property on the northwest corner of Bucklin and Route 6 allowing Beck Oil to utilize the block to build a truck center as part of the total development plan. Attorney McPhedran will research the legal rights of the City in this matter. Mayor Grove concurred in regards to researching the City's rights in regards to this property and others.

Alderman Bacidore suggested that the Council request an update from Mr. Blouke Carus in regards to the Kaskaskia property and the status of potential investors.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Schneider has received some complaints regarding reduced visibility(due to an overgrown tree) when exiting south onto Joliet Street from the Bean Box lot. Mayor Grove will discuss the issue with the Building Inspector. Alderman Lavieri also mentioned an overall problem of bushes growing into alleys. This issue will also be discussed with the Building Inspector.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file **Resolution No. 201313** a resolution of support regarding Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Program Grant and Related matters within the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAYS: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried. 8- 0**

**Resolution #201313:
Resolution of
support regarding Illinois
Department of Transportation
Enhancement Program Grant
with the City of La Salle and
related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept and place on file **Ordinance No. 2453** an ordinance regarding the lease of municipal property with Mareta Pasta and Deli. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAYS: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried. 8- 0**

**Ordinance No. 2454: An
ordinance regarding the lease
of municipal property. (Mareta
Pasta and Deli)**

COMMENTS

Sam McNeilly explained that the City is in the process of updating the fixed base water meter reading program data collecting units (DCUs). Of 9 units out in the field 6 have been changed out with the other 3 to be replaced by August 16, 2013 or soon thereafter. This will change data coming into the billing system from phone packets of information to data packets, the new technology trend.

Don Aleksy informed the Council the demolition at 1515 Argyle has been completed and the asbestos removal and demolition at 334 4th Street will begin on August 14. He also informed the Council that he submitted the La Salle Promotional and Advisory Committee (LPAC) to be considered for the Governor's Hometown Award and received notification that LPAC is one of the finalists. As a finalist, representatives from the City will be required to give a 25 minute presentation on September 19, 2013 in Springfield.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$197,478.32 (Total Payroll \$149,668.63, Bills to be paid \$15,190.87, Total Bills Paid \$32,618.32) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent. **Motion carried. 8- 0**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes: motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:53 p.m.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk